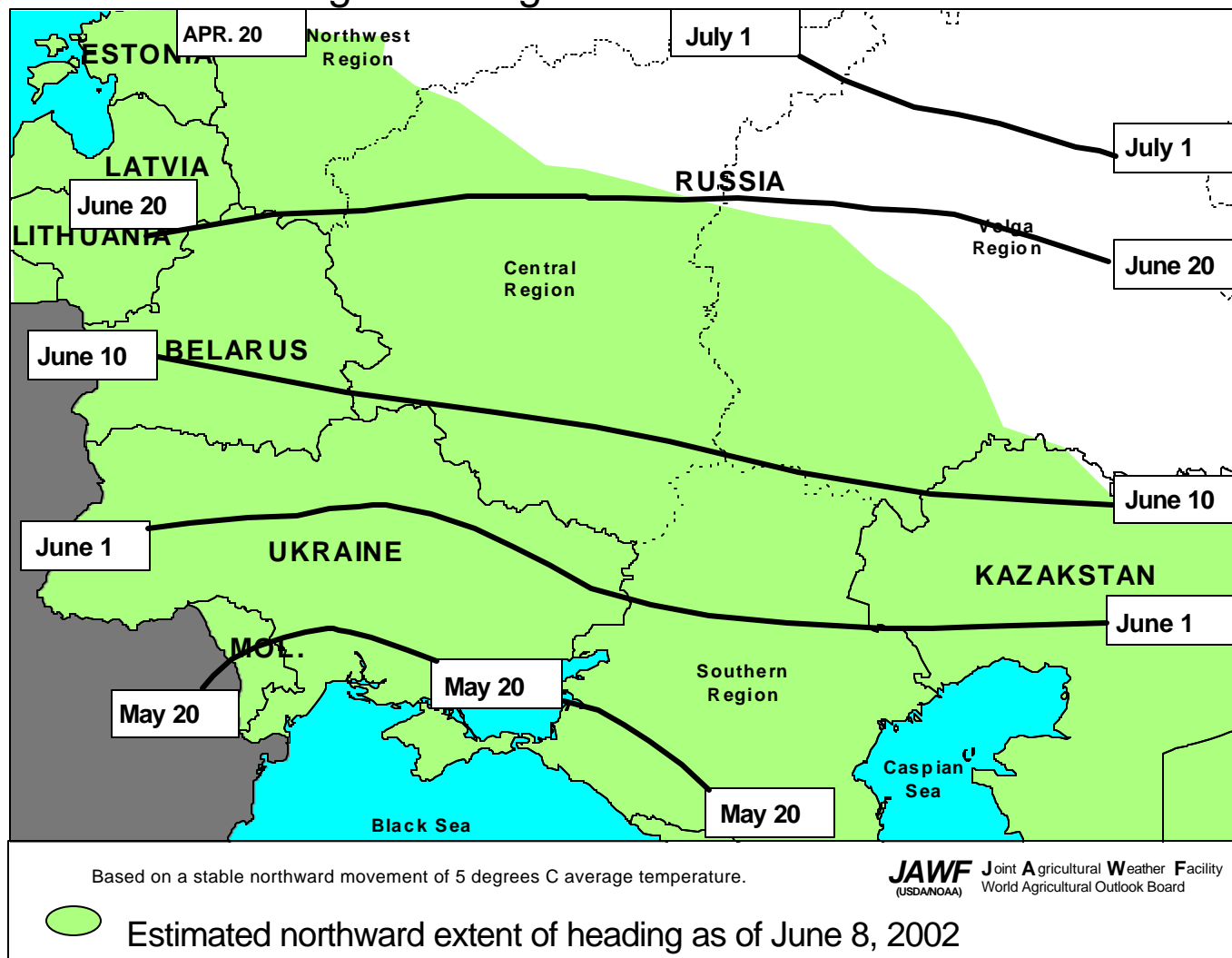


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Average Heading Dates for Winter Grains *



WEATHER AND CROP HIGHLIGHTS

June 12, 2002

- o In May, unfavorable dryness persisted from Moldova, eastward across southern Ukraine into parts of the Russian Southern Region, stressing winter wheat advancing through the reproductive phase of development and spring-sown crops in the vegetative stage.
- o Temperatures in May averaged near to slightly above normal in Ukraine and 1 to 3 degrees C below normal in Russia.
- o Since May 30, variable showers in Moldova, southern Ukraine, and the Southern Region in Russia stabilized conditions for filling winter wheat and improved conditions for spring-sown crops in the vegetative stage.